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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

REF: STATE 265503

1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON KAUFFMAN (DEPUTY CHIEF OF ASIAN, LA, AND AFRICAN DIVISION, FPD), TO DISCUSS THE ANGOLAN SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE KAUFFMAN DID NOT HAVE VERY PRECISE INFORMATION ON RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE CONTENDING FACTIONS, HIS GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE MPLA RETAINED ONLY MINORITY CONTROL OF ANGOLAN TERRITORY AND POPULATION, AND THAT ITS FOES WERE MAKING GAINS.

2. ON QUESTION OF RECOGNITION, KAUFFMAN SAID THAT FPD HAD RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL LAST SUMMER TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLA, BUT RETAINS RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHEN AND WHOM TO RECOGNIZE. IN LIGHT OF CONFUSED SITUATION IN ANGOLA GOS RECOGNITION WILL BE DEFERRED FOR TIME BEING UNLESS UNEXPECTEDLY OAU CAN STILL BRING ABOUT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. KAUFFMAN SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOWN IN CASE GOS POSITION CHANGES.

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HE THOUGHT AUSTRIANS WERE ADOPTING SIMILAR POSITION.

3. KAUFFMAN MENTIONED THAT AN MPLA DELEGATION HAD SUDDENLY DESCENDED ON FPD ON NOVEMBER 7 AFTER CALLING FROM GENEVA. THE DELEGATION CAME TO BERN TO EXPLAIN THE MPLA POSITION IN THE ANGOLAN STRUGGLE, DECLARED IT WOULD SOON CONTROL THE ENTIRE TERRITORY AND SEEK UN ENTRY. ASTONISHINGLY, HOWEVER, THEY MADE ONLY THE MILDEST PITCH FOR GOS RECOGNITION AND WHEN THE SWISS DEMURRED STATED THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE SWISS POSITION. DELEGATION STATED THAT SOME 20 SIMILAR DELS HAD FANNED OUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THIS PARTICULAR GROUP WAS ON AN ITINERARY COVERING PARIS, ROME AND VIENNA, IN ADDITION TO BERN.

4. COMMENT: ON BASIS CONVERSATION WITH KAUFFMAN, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOF IS NOT PLANNING HASTY RECOGNIZTION MOVE.
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